

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs

Docket No. 19-CR-227

Joseph Bonogiovanni and

Michael Masecchia

Defendant

DEFENDANT'S CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTER

Dated: Buffalo, New York
May 2, 2022

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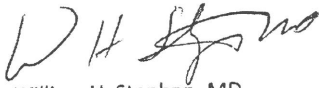
Dear Judge Sinatra:

I, William Stephan, MD, have been a successful practicing family physician for the past 36 years in the Town of Tonawanda. I combine traditional medicine with homeopathic therapies to provide the best possible care for my patients.

I am writing this letter concerning my patient, Michael Masecchia, whom I have known as both a friend and a patient in my practice for the past 10 years. I examined Mike in my office as recently as 4/26/2022. He had always been a relatively healthy individual until his diagnoses of chronic lymphoid leukemia and b cell lymphoma which is very concerning. This is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow that can be treated but rarely cured. The prognosis varies widely as to the type of CLL and other factors. Mike was initially treated with chemotherapy and is currently followed very closely by Roswell Park Cancer Institute every three months for possible risk of recurrence.

Thank you for taking into consideration Mike's significant health issues prior to your sentencing decision. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss my patient or need further information.

Sincerely,



William H. Stephan, MD

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